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Brine Release In McKenzie County Contained

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health has been notified of an oilfield produced water (brine) release approximately three miles west of Alexander, N.D. North Dakota Department of Health inspectors are en-route to the scene and will coordinate with the company regarding clean-up.

Initial data from the reporting company, RIM Operating, Inc., indicates that 250 barrels of produced salt water were released at the location, some of which escaped the location and ran into an iced-over drainage, a tributary to Lonesome Creek. There is no water flowing in the drainage at this time and no public water supplies are threatened. The brine has been contained. It is reported that 95 barrels of brine have so far been recovered. The company has submitted a cleanup plan.

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